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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, to which the shortened statutory period for response is being extended contemporaneously herewith until August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in the manner which is set forth hereinafter.